

House Chamber in the past with prayer before, and so it is good to have a familiar voice and a familiar face with us.

Now, George was pastor in Rincon, Georgia in the first district of Georgia when I was running in 1992, but having done great works there and converted so many souls, he realized he needed to go up to the third district of Georgia where the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) was elected. I think he felt like there must be a need, and so he is now a constituent of my great friend, the gentleman from the third district of Georgia (Mr. COLLINS).

So I am going to yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) and let him complete the introduction of Dr. George Dillard. To George, let me just say thank you.

Mr. COLLINS. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman. I appreciate the fact that Reverend George Dillard did move to the third district of Georgia. As we can tell by his opening prayer, he is a messenger of God's word; and he is also one who believes in returning the message to God based on the things that he sees and the things that are happening in this country and asking for the need and the help of God. I welcome him here today.

I think it is great that he opened the House this morning. His wife and children were here last year and as he was leaving home yesterday and he called in, his children answered and said, Where are you? He said, I am in Congressman COLLINS's office. They said, oh, that is Uncle Mac. Tell him we will be back to see him, and we want them to come. His family does great work in Peachtree City, Georgia. He will do great work wherever he goes because he is delivering the message of God.

Thank you, George Dillard, for being here this morning. Thank you, Chaplain, for inviting him to come up and participate here this morning.

CONGRATULATIONS TO RANDY HERMAN SCHENKMAN AND MARIETTA GLAZER

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, since September 11, every day we honor the firefighters, police, and rescue workers who heroically gave their lives to save others. But today, I would also like to congratulate two South Florida women who have dedicated themselves to saving thousands of lives in the fight against breast cancer. Dr. Randy Herman Schenkman, former medical director of the Diagnostic Breast Cancer of Baptist Hospital and Outpatient Services, and Dr. Marietta Glazer, a therapist and pioneer of the first ostomy outpatient clinic at Memorial Regional Hospital. These women of visions have dedicated their careers to educating, imaging, and diagnosing women with breast cancer.

On Thursday, October 18, they will join the American Committee for Weizmann Institute of Science to explore the diagnostic and emotional aspects of breast cancer. They will share their knowledge and commitment to taking patient care to new heights. During this difficult time, it is inspiring to learn about the positive achievements of so many Americans. So I ask my colleagues to join me in congratulating these brave women for distinguishing themselves as champions in the war against breast cancer.

WE SHALL OVERCOME

(Mr. SKELTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SKELTON. Mr. Speaker, for a moment let me speak about resolve. We have the tools of terrorism being used against us, whether they be anthrax or whether they be physical destruction. I came back from Missouri Sunday evening after talking with so many of the good folks that I represent, talking with young people; and I sense a deep resolve that I have not seen in a long time, a resolve to overcome the difficulties of terror. So from the heartland to those terrorists: we will win.

There are two things that we must do. Number one, we must continue to do what we do best. And that is be Americans, and we are resolved to do that. Number two, we must show our appreciation to the young men and young women in uniform. It was Cicero who once said that the greatest of all virtues is gratitude. So today in our resolve to go about our business and to keep our country strong, let us show added appreciation and gratitude to those who wear the uniform of the United States. We shall overcome this day.

FREEDOM SHALL PREVAIL

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks and include therein extraneous material.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, let me associate myself with the remarks of the gentleman from Missouri and also to salute all of the people that work in this fine building.

We have been under a unique amount of pressure in recent days, but I have to salute the entirety of this Capitol, the police, the rank and file workers, the members who work for the Clerk's office, the pages, everyone else who has participated in keeping an orderly transition for our government.

Mr. bin Laden, your 15 minutes of fame are about over. The United States is united together in an attempt to rid the world of people like you who have threatened civilization, harmed our citizens, and now are infecting our territories with a bacteria. You will not

win. You will not win this battle, because the United States stands for freedom, and that freedom shall prevail.

We thank you all, our citizens, who have rallied behind the flag and our President, we thank you for entrusting us, not only with your votes, but your opportunity to lead this country. And as Members of Congress, we remain united behind our President to rid the world of terror, to rid the world of hatred, and to make certain that your days are numbered.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members need to be reminded that comments should be directed to the Chair and not to anyone who may be watching the proceedings.

THREAT OF WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, reports say there is a growing number of Arab people opposing Uncle Sam, and they are also beginning to oppose their own leaders. If these reports are true, Arab nations are now vulnerable. Egypt and Mubarak may fall. King Fahd in Saudi Arabia may fall. Musharraf and Pakistan may fall, and they say that Arafat has now even insulated himself. These possibilities would destabilize the entire Free World.

I ask Congress, and I yield back the need to establish a Palestinian State, the first step necessary to avoid war in the Middle East and war spread throughout the entire world.

NUCLEAR TERRORISM

(Mr. PITTS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTS. Mr. Speaker, Osama bin Laden's thirst for destruction is only limited by the tools he has at hand. Last month, his henchmen destroyed the World Trade Center and took almost 6,000 innocent lives. Many of us said at that time that if he had chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons, he would use them.

Well, now we have confirmation. Russia's Interfax news agency is reporting that al-Qaeda has repeated attempts to buy nuclear material through the Russian Mafia. There is a lot of surplus weapons-grade nuclear material left in Russia left over from the Cold War and some of it has ended up on the black market. Bin Laden established contacts with representatives of Russian organized crime gangs in Germany, Belarus, and Russia. As far as we know, bin Laden has been unsuccessful in his

attempts to purchase or build a nuclear weapon.

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But how about all the other terrorist groups? How about Iraq or some other rogue regime?

Mr. Speaker, this revelation makes removing terrorism from the world even more important today than it was yesterday. The terrorists are insane men who must be stopped. Make no mistake, we will do it.

CONGRESS ADJOURNS WITHOUT ASSURING AIRLINE SAFETY FOR THE AMERICAN PUBLIC

(Mr. INSLEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. INSLEE. Mr. Speaker, the American people are justifiably disappointed in this House that, over 1 month after the attack of September 11, this House has not done a stitch, not a stitch to improve airline safety. When we get on our planes to go back to our districts tomorrow or tonight, we are going to go there with the knowledge that over 90 percent of the bags that go into the belly of our jets are not screened for explosive devices. That does not help give confidence to the American people.

We now for a month have been asking the majority leadership to schedule a vote on airline safety so we can assure that screeners are well-trained and decently paid and know how to do the job, and so that we put screening devices to make sure they do not put bombs in our luggage that go in the belly of the aircraft. The Republican leadership has not scheduled a vote for over a month. It is just wrong.

I must say that I am disappointed that we are adjourning today for the safety of Congress and our employees, and perhaps that is the right thing to do, I do not know, but it is not the right thing to do when we have not done anything to protect Americans while they are on the airlines.

ECONOMIC AND PERSONAL SECURITY FOR AMERICANS

(Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, I hate to respond to the gentleman, but he is wrong. Airline safety is great. It is better than it has ever been. The gentleman ought to go through D-FW airport. He would find out. When I was there, I got screened three times. They are looking for bombs.

September 11 is going to live forever in the hearts and minds of those who value freedom and prosperity. One way to give Americans peace of mind during these trying times is to give people more confidence about their bank ac-

counts, retirement plans, and the national economy.

Now more than ever people want economic security as well as personal security. The House economic stimulus plan which we will try to pass next week will do just that by cutting taxes and helping businesses. Under this plan, the average family of four would see their disposable annual income increase by \$940 a year. Knowing I had an extra \$940 every year sure would make me sleep better tonight.

The old adage applies: Success is the best revenge. I cannot think of a better way to spite those who want to harm our quality of life and capitalist society than by putting more money back into the economy and showing those who wish us harm what we are made of. Terrorists will never take away our hopes and dreams of a better America and a better economy.

A CALL TO FEDERALIZE AIRPORT SECURITY TO ASSURE AIRCRAFT SAFETY

(Mr. STRICKLAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. STRICKLAND. Mr. Speaker, with all due respect to the previous speaker, it is true that 90 percent of the luggage that goes into the belly of our aircraft are not screened for explosive devices. If my friend, the gentleman from Texas, would like to challenge that statement, I will relinquish the remainder of my 1-minute so he can do so.

A message from the heartland: The Columbus Dispatch wrote yesterday: "How much more evidence do House Republicans need to convince them that only a top notch security force, paid by the taxpayer and not hired by low-bid contractors, will make the airlines as safe as possible? A bill passed by the Senate and pending in the House would federalize airport security. The House should stop playing politics with this essential legislation and pass it."

Mr. Speaker, airline travel may be marginally safer now than it was before September 11, but it is still not as safe as it ought to be or as safe as we can make it. This House should pass airline safety so that when Americans and their families get on our airlines, they can have confidence that there is not a bomb within the belly of that airplane.

Until we pass this legislation, we can never have that confidence.

AIRLINE SECURITY CAN BE ACHIEVED WITHOUT FEDERALIZING WORKFORCE

(Mr. PENCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I am very pleased to join this debate over airline security today on the floor of the

House, and set aside the remarks that I came to make.

My friends on the other side of the aisle would have us believe that this is a choice between one party that is interested in airline security and another party that is not. But Mr. Speaker, that is simply and plainly and baldly not the case.

The reality is that the proposal that has been passed in the other Chamber, the proposal that my Democrat friends support, would create 28,000 new Federal employees. Our proposal is to do what the President, Mr. Speaker, has called for from the very beginning; that is, new and higher standards, new Federal resources.

But let us not create a new class of Federal employees. Let us not have the people who run the post office or who run our immigration and naturalization and border services providing the security at our airports. It has been tried in Europe. It was rejected and failed. What we need is to strengthen our private security system, create accountability, provide resources.

This Republican will fight to give President Bush the airline security program that he so richly deserves.

TRIBUTE TO THE LIFE OF CAPTAIN JAY JAHNKE OF THE HOUSTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas. Mr. Speaker, this morning I wear the purple and black to honor the fallen firefighter in my community who died this past weekend. This morning we will funeralize in Houston, Texas, Captain Jay Jahnke, a soldier on the battlefield saving lives every day, a member of a fire dynasty, family members who have been part of the Houston firefighting community for many, many years.

I pay tribute to the life of Captain Jay Jahnke, who died on Saturday, October 13, 2001, after trying to rescue residents from a burning high-rise in the City of Houston. Captain Jahnke was a 20-year veteran of the Houston Fire Department. Captain Jahnke represents another perfect example of the brave fire and rescue professionals who put their lives on the line each day in order to protect the public. Every day these professionals take calculated risks that could cost them their lives.

Captain Jahnke never wanted to pursue any other profession besides serving the public as a firefighter. He developed his love for the firefighting profession by watching his father, who also served the public as a district fire chief in Houston, and many, many other relatives.

September 11, 2001, raised the consciousness of America of how important these brave souls are. A firefighter's prayer always is to do the very best that he or she can do. Many of Captain Jahnke's colleagues in the